

What is claimed is:

1. A magnetic thin film head comprising:
a write head element; and
a read head element;

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wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

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wherein Ni in composition of a formed layer is 80.8wt% to 82.0wt%.

2. A magnetic thin film head according to claim 1, in which said Ni is composed of an initially formed layer having a thickness of 1.0 μ m is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%, and of an upper layer on said initially formed layer 1.0 μ m thick is 81.0 to 81.2 wt%.

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wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

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wherein a magnetostriction constant λ

representing a magnetic characteristic of said ferromagnetic film is -2.0 to -7.0×10^{-7} in an initially formed layer having a thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$, and

5 wherein said magnetostriction constant λ is -3.0 to -4.0×10^{-7} in an upper layer on said initially formed layer $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ thick.

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a read head element;
wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

15 wherein a film thickness exceeding $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt\%}$, and
20 wherein a film thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of $\pm 0.3 \text{ wt\%}$.

25 5. A method of fabricating a magnetic thin film comprising the step of:

- (a) forming a write head element;
 - (b) forming a read head element;
- wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft

magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

5 wherein Ni in composition of an initially formed layer having a thickness of 1.0 μ m is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%, and

 wherein Ni in composition of an upper layer on said initially formed layer 1.0 μ m thick is 81.0 to
10 81.2 wt%,

 (c) timewise regulating a current density of permalloy electroplating under control of a personal computer;

 wherein a plurality of time periods and a
15 plurality of current values are preset for film formation.

6. A method of fabricating a magnetic thin film comprising the step of:

20 (a) forming a write head element; and
 (b) forming a read head element;

 wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating
25 in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

 wherein a magnetostriction constant λ representing a magnetic characteristic of said

ferromagnetic film is -2.0 to -7.0×10^{-7} in an initially formed layer having a thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$, and

5 wherein said magnetostriction constant λ is -3.0 to -4.0×10^{-7} in an upper layer on said initially formed layer $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ thick,

 (c) timewise regulating a current density of permalloy electroplating under control of a personal computer;

10 wherein a plurality of time periods and a plurality of current values are preset for film formation.

7. A method of fabricating a magnetic thin
15 film comprising the step of:

- (a) forming a write head element; and
- (b) forming a read head element;

 wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function
20 is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

 wherein a film thickness exceeding $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy
25 material has an Ni content accuracy of $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt}\%$, and

 wherein a film thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of $\pm 0.3 \text{ wt}\%$,

(c) timewise regulating a current density of
permalloy electroplating under control of a personal
computer;

5 wherein a plurality of time periods and a
plurality of current values are preset for film
formation.

8 A magnetic disk apparatus having a
magnetic thin film head comprising:
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a read head element;
wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft
magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function
is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating
15 in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read
head element,
wherein Ni in composition of an initially formed
layer having a thickness of $1.0\ \mu\text{m}$ is 80.8 to 82.0 wt%,
and
20 wherein Ni in composition of an upper layer on
said initially formed layer $1.0\ \mu\text{m}$ thick is 81.0 to
81.2 wt%.

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wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft

magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

5 wherein a magnetostriction constant λ representing a magnetic characteristic of said ferromagnetic film is -2.0 to -7.0×10^{-7} in an initially formed layer having a thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$, and

10 wherein said magnetostriction constant λ is -3.0 to -4.0×10^{-7} in an upper layer on said initially formed layer $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ thick.

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 a write head element; and

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20 wherein a ferromagnetic film having a soft magnetic characteristic and a magnetic shield function is formed of NiFe permalloy material by electroplating in the vicinity of a sensor film arranged as said read head element,

25 wherein a film thickness exceeding $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy material has an Ni content accuracy of $\pm 0.1 \text{ wt\%}$, and

 wherein a film thickness of $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ or less in said ferromagnetic film formed of NiFe permalloy

material has an Ni content accuracy of ± 0.3 wt%.